

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicants communications on 1/14/04 and 2/18/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 20 May 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the

International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given by Belinda Lee by electronic means on February 18, 2004 in response to an electronic communication ~~from the examiner to applicants attorney on February 17, 2004 and such~~ communications are the subject of the attached "telephone" interview summary form.

Claim 14 is amended as follows:

In claim 14, after line 6, the clause "a lamination plate supply system ... periphery thereon" has been rewritten to read:

-- a lamination plate supply system including a supply of lamination plates, said lamination plates each comprising a trench formed at a periphery thereon; --.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 14 was allowed since the prior art did not teach the apparatus including the lamination plate supply including the described lamination plates. The change was made to distinguish the claim from an apparatus designed to assemble the prior art Onitsuka electroluminescent display as modified in view of Vinouze in the rejection of the last Office action. The examiner deemed claim 14 to be obvious since a lamination plate supply designed to process the prior art Onitsuka lamination plates might also be able

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to process the novel lamination plates and vice versa. Thus, the examiner required the inclusion of the supply of lamination plates as above to more specifically distinguish the apparatus from obvious subject matter.

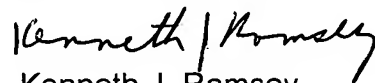
In response to applicants' remarks, it was further noted that the grooves discussed by Vinouze, on lines 46-49, column 2, are a part of the mechanism plate 6 (of which there is only one), and are not on the substrate plates 1 or 2, or a cover plate bonded thereto and thus are not deemed to suggest the above apparatus or process.

~~Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later~~
than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Directions for Responses

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel, who can be reached on (571) 272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 308-0956.


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